

**ATTACHMENT E: POST-INJECTION SITE CARE AND SITE CLOSURE PLAN  
40 CFR 146.93(a)**

**Elk Hills 26R Storage Project**

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This Post-Injection Site Care and Site Closure (PISC) plan describes the activities that Carbon TerraVault 1 LLC (CTV) will perform to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 146.93. CTV will monitor ground water quality and track the position of the carbon dioxide plume and pressure front for 50 years post injection. CTV will not cease post-injection monitoring until a demonstration of non-endangerment of USDWs has been approved by the UIC Program Director pursuant to 40 CFR 146.93(b)(3). Following approval for site closure, CTV will plug all monitoring wells, restore the site to its original condition, and submit a site closure report and associated documentation.

**Pre- and Post-Injection Pressure Differential [40 CFR 146.93(a)(2)(i)]**

Based on the modeling of the pressure front as part of the AoR delineation, pressure at the injection well is expected to stabilize one year after injection ceases. Final pressure post injection will target the initial reservoir pressure at the time of discovery. Additional information on the projected post-injection pressure declines and differentials is presented in the permit application and the AoR and Corrective Action Plan.

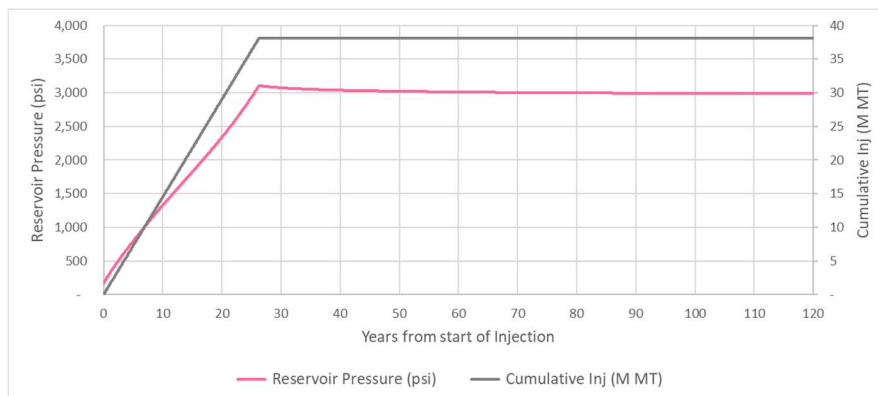
**Discussion**

The Monterey Formation 26R reservoir will be operated such that the pressure will not exceed the initial pressure at the time of discovery. This operating strategy was developed to minimize the potential for induced seismicity and to ensure confinement of the injectate.

The maximum pressure differential between the injection wellbore and the depleted Monterey Formation 26R storage reservoir exists prior to the commencement of CO<sub>2</sub> injection. Through time, the injection pressure differential will shrink, until at the time of project abandonment when

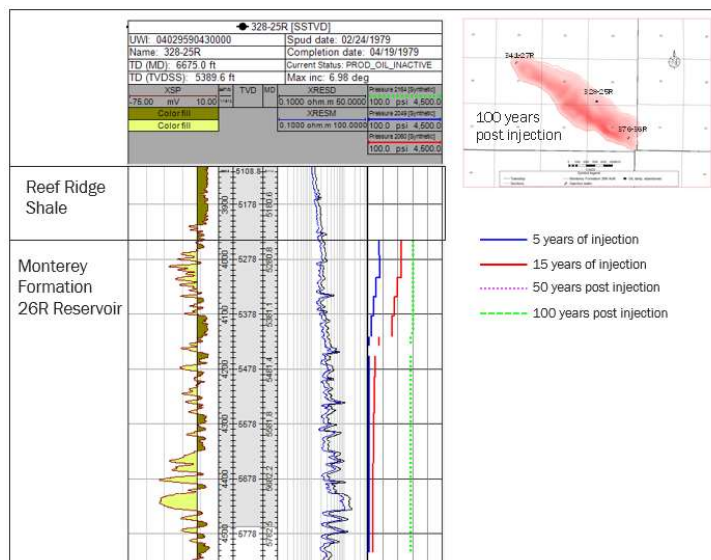
the reservoir pressure will be at the initial conditions of the reservoir. Figure 1 shows the pressure of the Monterey Formation 26R reservoir through time from computational modeling.

**Figure 1: Reservoir pressure and Cumulative injection.**



Pressure at 50 and 100 years post injection are the same in monitoring well 328-25R (Figure 2) indicating plume stabilization. The low water saturation within the Monterey Formation 26R storage reservoir results in 72% of the CO<sub>2</sub> injectate remaining super-critical, minimizing the quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> dissolving in formation water through time.

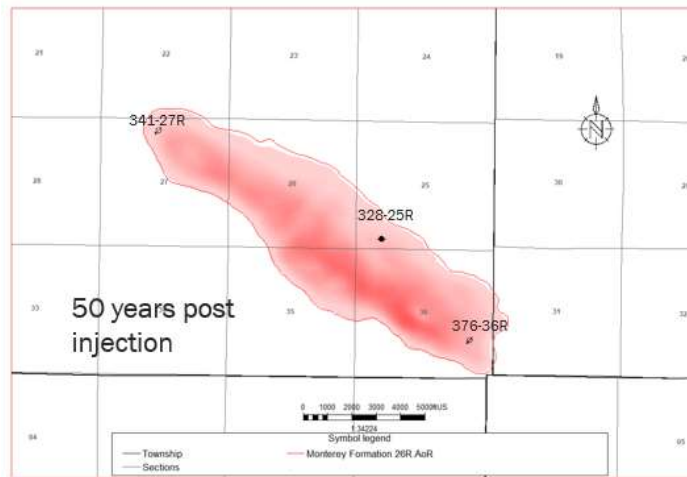
**Figure 2: Pressure at the 328-25R monitoring well. Pressure at 50 and 100 years post injection are the same indicating plume stabilization.**



### **Predicted Position of the CO<sub>2</sub> Plume and Associated Pressure Front at Site Closure [40 CFR 146.93(a)(2)(ii)]**

Figure 3 shows the predicted extent of the plume and pressure front at the end of the PISC timeframe, representing the maximum extent of the plume and pressure front. This map is based on the final AoR delineation modeling results submitted pursuant to 40 CFR 146.84.

**Figure 3: Map of the predicted extent of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume 50 years post injection with plume monitoring well locations . The pressure of the 26R reservoir will be at or beneath the initial pressure at the time of discovery.**



### **Post-Injection Monitoring Plan [40 CFR 146.93(b)(1)]**

Monitoring during the post-injection phase will include a combination of groundwater pressure, fluid composition and storage zone pressure as described in the following sections and will meet the requirements of 40 CFR 146.93(b)(1). The results of all post-injection phase testing and monitoring will be submitted annually, within 90 days, as described under “Schedule for Submitting Post-Injection Monitoring Results,” below.

A quality assurance and surveillance plan (QASP) for all testing and monitoring activities during the injection and post injection phases is provided in the Appendix to the Testing and Monitoring Plan.

Post-injection monitoring will include a combination of groundwater monitoring, and storage zone pressure monitoring.

Pressure monitoring of the Monterey Formation 26R storage reservoir will monitor for pressure stabilization. This is the best method to confirm confinement of the reservoir. If pressure in the reservoir trends lower post injection and is inconsistent when compared to computational modeling results, CTV will assess for potential leakage.

Throughout the AoR there is no USDW but a zone of unsaturated sands in the Upper Tulare. A shallow groundwater monitoring well will continuously assess reservoir pressure. Groundwater samples will be analyzed every five years for indicators of CO<sub>2</sub> movement into the formation.

CTV own the mineral rights for the Monterey Formation 26R reservoir. Surface access is guaranteed for the life of the project as CTV is a wholly owned subsidiary of California Resources Corporation, owner of the surface rights.

### ***Monitoring Above the Confining Zone***

Table 1 presents the monitoring methods, locations, and frequencies for monitoring above the confining zone. Table 2 identifies the parameters to be monitored and the analytical methods CTV will employ.

The pressures of these reservoirs may be affected by regional water recharge, injection, or withdrawal. For the Tulare Formation, CTV will compare these results to other groundwater monitoring wells in the Elk Hills Oil Field.

**Table 1. Monitoring of ground water quality and geochemical changes above the confining zone.**

Target Formation	Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location(s)	Spatial Coverage	Frequency
Tulare Formation	Fluid sampling	Shallow Monitoring Well	AoR	Annual
	Pressure Monitoring	Shallow Monitoring Well	AoR	Continuously

**Table 2. Summary of analytical and field parameters for ground water samples.**

Parameters	Analytical Methods
<b>Tulare Formation</b>	
Cations (Al, Ba, Mn, As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Se and Tl)	ICP-OEC EPA 200.7/6010B
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Anions (Br, Cl, F, NO <sub>3</sub> , and SO <sub>4</sub> )	Ion Chromatography: EPA Method 300
Dissolved CO <sub>2</sub>	SM 4500-CO <sub>2</sub> -C
Alkalinity	SM 2510 B
pH	EPA 150.1 / SM4500-H+B
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	SM 4500 C
Specific Conductance (field)	SM 2510 B
Dissolved Methane	RSK – 175 / Gas Chromatography
Temperature (field)	Thermocouple
Pressure	Pressure Gauge

**Table 3. Sampling and recording frequencies for continuous monitoring.**

Parameter	Device(s)	Location	Min. Sampling Frequency	Min. Recording Frequency
During active injection	Pressure Gauge	Shallow Monitoring Well	5 hours	5 hours
Post injection	Pressure Gauge	Shallow Monitoring Well	12 hours	12 hours

Notes:

- Sampling frequency refers to how often the monitoring device obtains data from the well for a particular parameter. For example, a recording device might sample a pressure transducer monitoring injection pressure once every two seconds and save this value in memory.
- Recording frequency refers to how often the sampled information gets recorded to digital format (such as a computer hard drive). For example, the data from the injection pressure transducer might be recorded to a hard drive once every minute.

***Carbon Dioxide Plume and Pressure Front Tracking [40 CFR 146.93(a)(2)(iii)]***

CTV will employ direct and indirect methods to track the extent of the carbon dioxide plume and the presence or absence of elevated pressure.

Table 4 presents the direct and indirect methods that CTV will use to monitor the CO<sub>2</sub> plume, including the activities, locations, and frequencies CTV will employ. The parameters to be analyzed as part of fluid sampling in the Monterey Formation 26R (and associated analytical methods) are presented in Table 5.

Table 6 presents the direct and indirect methods that CTV will use to monitor the pressure front, including the activities, locations, and frequencies CTV will employ.

Fluid sampling will be performed as described in B.1. of the QASP; sample handling and custody will be performed as described in B.3. of the QASP; and quality control will be ensured using the methods described in B.5. of the QASP.

**Table 4. Post-injection phase plume monitoring.**

Target Formation	Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location(s)	Frequency
<b>DIRECT PLUME MONITORING</b>			
Monterey Formation 26R	Fluid Sampling	341-27R, 328-25R and 376-36R	Annual
<b>INDIRECT PLUME MONITORING</b>			
Monterey Formation 26R	Pulse neutron logging	341-27R, 328-25R and 376-36R	Every five years

**Table 5. Summary of analytical and field parameters for fluid sampling in the injection zone.**

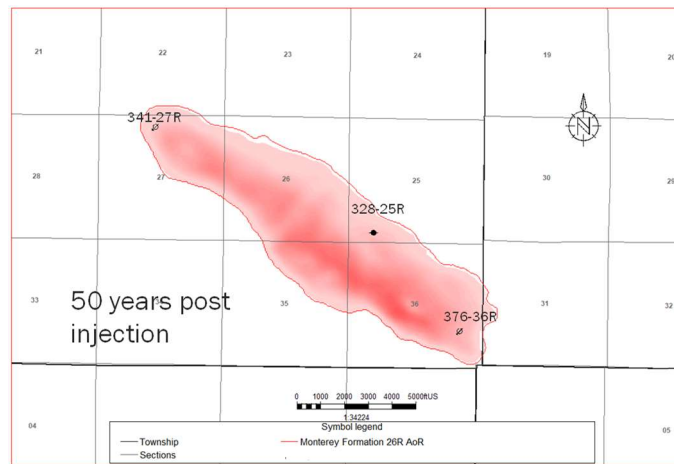
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<b>Monterey Formation 26R</b>	
Cations (Al, Ba, Mn, As, Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Se and Tl)	ICP-OEC EPA 200.7/6010B
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Anions (Br, Cl, F, NO3, and SO4)	Ion Chromatography: EPA Method 300
Dissolved CO2	SM 4500-CO2-C
Alkalinity	SM 2510 B
pH	EPA 150.1 / SM4500-H+B
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	SM 4500 C
Specific Conductance (field)	SM 2510 B
Dissolved Methane	RSK – 175 / Gas Chromatography
Temperature (field)	Thermocouple
Pressure	Pressure Gauge

CTV will employ indirect and direct methods to monitor the pressure front (Table 6). Direct monitoring will include pressure gauges to monitor the pressure of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume in the three Monterey Formation 26R monitoring wells. Additionally, seismic monitoring via installed surface and shallow borehole seismometers well will be utilized to detect micro-seismic events. Figures 4 and 5 show the location of the monitoring wells and the predicted extent of the CO<sub>2</sub> plume in plan view and cross-section.

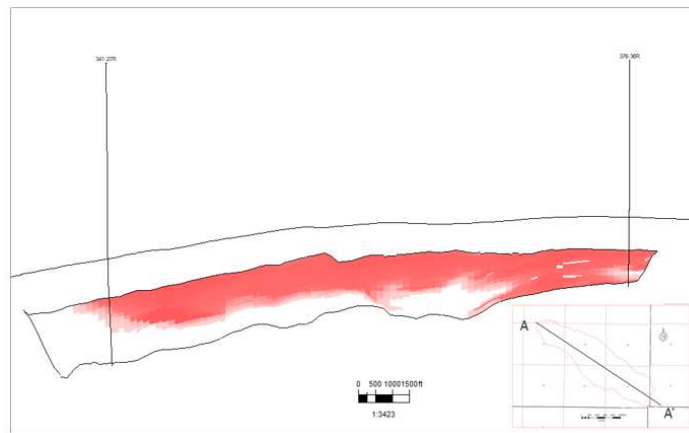
**Table 6. Post-injection phase pressure-front monitoring.**

Target Formation	Monitoring Activity	Monitoring Location(s)	Frequency
<b>DIRECT PRESSURE-FRONT MONITORING</b>			
Monterey Formation 26R	Pressure	341-27R, 328-25R and 376-36R	Continuous
<b>INDIRECT PRESSURE-FRONT MONITORING</b>			
All strata	Seismicity	AoR	Continuous

**Figure 4: Map showing AoR and well locations for post-injection plume monitoring.**



**Figure 5: Cross-section showing plume CO<sub>2</sub> plume 100 years post injection and 341-27R and 376-36R monitoring wells for post-injection monitoring.**



***Schedule for Submitting Post-Injection Monitoring Results [40 CFR 146.93(a)(2)(iv)]***

All post-injection site care monitoring data and monitoring results collected using the methods described above will be submitted to EPA in annual reports submitted within 90 days following the anniversary date on which injection ceases. The reports will contain information and data generated during the reporting period; i.e. well-based monitoring data, sample analysis, and the results from updated site models.